

May 5 1943

Hon. John E. Keenan
City Hall
Newark N.J.

Dear Sir:

I am addressing this letter to you as the Director of Public Safety for The City of Newark, because I feel this matter should be called to your attention.

You may have heard of the very large crowd that attended the opening game of The Negro National League Baseball season last year, and how poorly it was handled. It was necessary to turn away thousands of people, although there were many seats unoccupied in the park. This was largely due to the fact that so many of our fans come out so late. They all seem to arrive at the same time (the last minute) which makes quite a problem. The main reason I am writing you is because the Ball park special police seemed to be unable to handle the crowd, and closed all the exits as well as the entrances. This was of course very bad.

I am writing to ask you if you will see to it that there are sufficient city police present to keep the crowd in line. That is really all that is necessary I believe. I will greatly appreciate your cooperation. We are playing an exhibition game at the park this coming Sunday May 9th, but we do not expect this kind of crowd. The opening ballgame of the League season will be played Sunday May 16th at Ruppert Stadium at 2 PM. However the crowd begins to assemble shortly after noon.

Very Truly Yours